

Amendments to the Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1 before the title.

In the English translation document, please delete the section heading -- What technical features, or problems that can be solved by technical features, form the basis of the invention?-- at page 1 lines 5-6.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading and paragraph at page 1 line 8, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2005/050090, filed January 11, 2005 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 102004004518.6 DE filed January 29, 2004, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading and paragraph at page 1 line 8, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates to a distribution of short messages using a video control device.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading and paragraph at page 1 line 8, after the newly added FIELD OF INVENTION section, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 illustrates an exemplary embodiment of a system in accordance with the present invention; and

Figure 2 illustrates an exemplary embodiment of message flows in accordance with the present invention.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 8, after the newly added BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please delete the section heading -- What technical features, or problems that can be solved by technical features, form the basis of the invention?-- at page 1 lines 5-6.

In the English translation document, please delete the section heading -- 2. How has this problem been solved up to now?-- at page 1 line 21.

In the English translation document, please delete the section heading -- 3. How is the problem stated under item 1 solved by the invention?-- at page 2 lines 1-2.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 4 lines 1-22, as follows:

If the STB is online, i.e. has an IP connection, the application logs on to the STB for the SMS/MMS application on the video control server. As long as the STB is online, the ~~STBSMS/MMS~~ can receive the SMS/MMSSTB. The STB application changes the received data into a form that can be displayed as an image on the TV set connected to the STB. For an SMS, the characters contained are shown as text. For an MMS, the images contained and the characters are shown as an image with text. This image can then also be overlaid by an existing video image by the STB (note: present STB including present SW clients for video services support the required "alpha blending" technology for overlaying video images). If the STB is online but the TV set is switched off, several options are possible, as follows.

- The STB stores the SMS/MMS content temporarily and when the TV set is switched on displays a notice of received SMS/MMS in the form of a video image.
- The STB temporarily stores the SMS/MMS content and outputs an indication of received SMS/MMS to the STB (light on, sound via speaker).
- The STB automatically switches on a TV set connected via a SCART (provided the TV set supports this and is in standby mode).

In the English translation document, please delete the section heading -- Comparison of alternative solutions with the solution in accordance with the invention at page 5 lines 19-20.

In the English translation document, please delete the section heading --4. What advantages result from the technical features in accordance with the invention given under item 3?-- at page 6 lines 6-7.

In the English translation document, please delete the section --Individual aspects of the method or of the video control server in accordance with the invention-- at page 8 lines 1-2

In the English translation document, please delete the section --5.Representation of the procedure of example using an embodiment of the invention, including drawings—at page 8 lines 24-25.